

REMARKS

The claims previously in the case have been replaced by a set of new claims that are believed to be proper as to form and clearly patentable over the cited references.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested, for the rejection of the claims as anticipated by applicant's GB 2353206.

It is not accurate to call this publication a patent. It is not yet patented. It is merely published.

The publication date was February 21, 2001, less than one year prior to our U.S. filing date of January 30, 2002.

Because the British publication is applicant's own publication, therefore, there is a one-year grace period following its publication date, during which a U.S. patent application can be validly filed, as was done in the present case.

In other words, British publication 2353206 cannot be used as a reference against the present application.

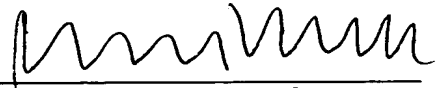
In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been

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placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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